

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, claims 1, 3, 4, 19-21 and 24-28 were pending. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 20, 21 and 24-28. Only claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yoshiura et al.

In this Amendment, rejected claims 19 has been canceled, and claims 21 and 24-27 have been amended. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Specifically, claim 26 has been amended to be in independent form based on claim 19. claims 21, 24, 25 and 27 have been amended to be dependent on claim 20.

Therefore, Applicants submit that since the rejection of claim 19 has been rendered moot by cancellation of the claim, the present application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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